

GRANGE PROPERTY LEGALLY TAXABLE SAYS COMM. CORBIN

Redding Board Gives Mixed Decisions in Peck and Lutgen Cases.

Redding, March 2.—Concluding their labors on Tuesday the board of relief rejected the petition of Redding grange and gave mixed decisions upon the Peck and Lutgen appeals. In the grange matter they had not procured the advice of Tax Commissioner Corbin before acting although the commissioner gave his opinion on the case a few days ago in reply to a letter of inquiry from Assessor Burke. In his communication Mr. Corbin said: "This matter has come up at other times and I have conferred with the attorney generals informally relative to it. They have given a verbal, informal opinion that such an organization should not be considered solely as a benevolent, literary or agricultural society, for they are essentially a social organization with other added features which would clearly bring them under the law relative to the taxation of property which they might hold. The above is my personal view and cannot in any way be taken as a binding opinion, either as coming from myself or any attorney general." By the qualification Mr. Corbin undoubtedly means that like any other legal question in dispute the issue is not disposed of finally until it has been passed upon by the supreme court of errors.

Altogether the relief board granted reductions amounting to \$15,350 and made additions aggregating \$11,396. Fully half the reductions, however, are merely in correction of clerical errors and therefore only apparent. One item of \$7,200, representing the property of J. A. Guillemet, had been duplicated on the abstract and another of \$1,200, representing the buildings of G. A. Cornish, found its way into the list struck through having been wrongly listed. In the matter of that part of the land comprised in Wiantuck farm which is listed to Senator Peck the assessors had reduced the assessment from \$4,250 to \$3,745 and the relief board did not change the figures. In the assessment of Laura E. Peck, his wife, which the assessors cut down to \$13,250 from \$22,500 the relief board made a further reduction of \$3,150. On her buildings they made an addition of \$2,700. In the case of Commodore Lutgen the relief board granted a reduction of \$1,750 on land and made an increase on buildings of \$7,750. The assessors cut down the previous valuation of the buildings by about \$14,000, so that something more than one-half of this reduction was restored by the relief board. Whether Messrs. Peck and Lutgen will accept these revisions or go to the courts in an effort to secure a further scaling down is not yet known. They gave notice last week that in case they felt the action of the board to be oppressive they would seek judicial relief. If lawsuits are brought and tried out the ultimate result will probably be not far from the town, even if the decisions are in the town's favor.

The other reductions made by the board are as follows: George S. Banks, \$550 on buildings; Irving J. Banks, \$50 on land; Beach Baldwin, \$50 on house; Philander Perry, \$300; Elmer T. Field, \$800 on dwelling; William Mueller, \$165 on oxen listed by mistake; James F. Olmstead, \$30 on piano wrongly listed; Philo Lyon, \$100 on barn; Paul Rasmussen, \$180; H. F. Rogers, \$100; E. M. Sanford, \$200 on dwelling; G. O. Sanford, \$100 on auto; Lemuel Sanford, \$450 on land; Cornelia Talmage, \$200 on dwelling; Seth Todd estate, \$250 on land.

Additions were as follows: May Adams, \$160; A. G. Barnett, \$300 on land; Howard Luther, \$165 on land; Jennie Read, \$30.

The burning of J. B. Sanford's barn last Saturday has revived the firebug scare and intensified the general desire for the apprehension of the criminal or criminals. That one person set all the local incendiary fires of the past three years is beginning to be doubted, but the likelihood of detection seems as remote as ever. Of the three fires suffered by Judge Sanford two, and perhaps all, almost certainly had an incendiary origin. The Judge has no known enemies and the only possible clue left in any of the cases was the very slight one afforded in the latest case by the seeming marks of an augur bore on the upper part of a sill at the corner of the barn where the fire first appeared. Any detective who succeeded in running down the criminal with only this clue as a starting point would certainly be acclaimed

as a genius. The citizens would cheerfully multiply several times over the outstanding reward of \$500 for such an achievement, but it is argued that if \$500 is ineffective to bring results a larger sum would also fail as an incentive. The new chemical fire engine which was in the burned barn may not prove a total loss as the metal portions are believed to be practically intact. It would have been in the basement and consequently saved along with the live stock had the basement door permitted its admission. The enlargement of the opening had been arranged for but not accomplished. Judge Sanford will rebuild.

The latest number of "The Sanforidian" is an excellent example of prep school journalism. It contains a poem and two prose articles by Richard Mansfield, 2nd, "My Summer with Dr. Grenfell," by Philip Gary, a story of Rumanian diplomacy by Joseph H. Sanford and a description of the new Sanforidian school power plant by William P. Montague. The various departments are well maintained.

A painful injury was suffered by James Delaney on Monday, in consequence of the butt of a tree which he was felling springing upward and striking him on the side of the face. The jaw which received the impact is very much swollen and there are fears of a fracture.

Joseph Klopsik and wife are moving into George S. Banks' new cottage below Pine Tree Corner.

The Misses Waterman and Fox have closed their house in Pleasant Valley and gone to Elmford, N. Y., for the rest of the winter.

The pupils of Umpawaug school, Miss Jennie Carroll, teacher, will give a public exhibition of their work tomorrow (Friday) evening.

A large poultry house is being constructed by Mrs. Clara Newell at her summer place in the Center.

A small bridge party was given last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Osborn.

Mrs. Flora J. Bradley has recovered from a combination of grip and lumbago which indoors for five weeks.

Shepard's Adopted Son May Acquire Brother



According to recent report, Finley J. Shepard, Jr., who became an heir to the Gould millions by the stroke of a pen on adoption papers on Oct. 22 last, will soon have a brother by adoption. Neither Mr. Shepard, Finley's foster father, nor his wife, who was Helen Gould, would say whether the boy's young playmate of last summer, Lewis Serton, was to become a fourth member of the family, but the stories to that effect were seemingly well founded.

Traffic among islands in the Philippines is seriously hampered by the withdrawal of a number of coastwise trading vessels which have entered the foreign trade service.

OVER THOUSAND IN BIG PARADE OF LOCAL ELKS

Charles R. Hutchinson, Noted Circus Man Returns From Hot Springs, Tells of National Interest in Circus.

Daniel J. Clifford, exalted ruler of the Bridgeport lodge of Elks, the man who has done much towards the coming success of the Elks' big circus to be held at the Army building beginning Saturday and to run through the entire gamut for another week, has ordered a parade of the Elks from the club house on State street to the big Bridgeport armory. The parade will be headed by the Wheeler & Wilson band and many of Bridgeport's women, wives and friends of Elks are expected to ride in the automobiles and limousines provided by the members.

No Elk, other than one actually engaged in the work of running the circus is expected to be absent from the parade, which will mean that nearly 700 Elks and an equal number of friends will walk from the club house on State street, near Lafayette, to the Army. That red fire will burn is not questioned today.

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson has informed a committee of Elks who waited on him recently that he would grant special police and police escorts to the army during the week, March 4-11.

In discussing the necessity for added police and firemen at the building where 2,500 people will be assembled night and afternoon, Mayor Wilson expressed himself that in connection with the gathering together of vast assemblages he believed the same system should be followed that is accorded the traveling circuses that show here annually.

Six policemen will be assigned each afternoon and evening under the direction of Superintendent of Police Eugene Birmingham, and a like number of firemen under command of Chief Daniel E. Johnson. They will be relieved by an equal number of men afternoons of the Elks, who are both firemen and policemen will volunteer for this duty that the urgency of the occasion may not fall heavily on the departments.

Charles R. Hutchinson, of the management of the armory & Bailey show, who has consented to run the affair for the Elks, has returned from Hot Springs, Ark. He attended a meeting of the Elks' general committee last night and expressed himself as immensely pleased with the general prospect. "I have never in my many years of showmen, seen such enthusiasm upon the part of professional performers to entertain at a private venture," he said.

"Acts are coming from as far west as Omaha for the occasion and one couple wanted to come to the Pacific coast. The reason I assign to this is the fact that there will be ample time for each display and that feels not seen in the past will be permitted at full length. If there is anything that pleases the heart of a performer it is to be given an opportunity to present his ability in logical sequence and to an ultimate conclusion and the resulting applause."

"I shall give Bridgeport, its old and young, men, women and children the greatest real circus event that has ever been offered under a solid roof. There is no limit but the time I am holding acts in reserve for changes the latter half of next week if desired by the public."

It was definitely reported last night that the last timber would be felled and every piece of property installed at the armory by noon on Saturday.

TWO REALTY FIRMS FOR BRIDGEPORT ARE LAUNCHED AT CAPITOL

The certificate of incorporation of the Modern Realty Co. of Bridgeport has been approved. The authorized capitalization of the concern is \$50,000 and the company will start business with \$3,000. The incorporators are Joseph Lang, Morris Rabinowitz and Abel Rabinowitz.

The certificate of incorporation of the Torrington Garage Co., Incorporated, of Bridgeport has been approved. The authorized capitalization is \$50,000 and the company will start business with \$4,000. The incorporators are Joseph Mascetti, Irving B. Holley and Thomas J. Wall.

The certificate of organization of the Franco-American Real Estate Co., Incorporated, of Bridgeport, has been approved. The company starts business with \$2,800. The president is August Thibault, the secretary is Severe J. Beaudry and the treasurer is Alexander LaBrecque.

PATENT RIGHTS ISSUED TO CONNECTICUT INVENTORS

The following were issued Feb. 29, 1916. List furnished from office of A. M. Wooster, solicitor of patents, Bridgeport, Conn.:

George B. Thomas, Bridgeport, chain end.

Walter B. Lashar, Bridgeport, and T. C. Luce, Stratford, lifting-jack for automobiles, &c.

John T. Austin, Hartford, organ shutter operating mechanism.

John T. Austin and B. G. Austin, Hartford, air-chest.

Samuel W. Avis, Hartford, self-threading take-up.

Joseph M. Merrow, Hartford, thread controlling device for sewing machines.

Herbert R. Nevins, Hartford, seven patents: Train-stop device (2); automatic brake-setting device (2); train-control device; train-stop mechanism; railway signaling device.

William H. Stedman, Hartford, take-up.

Thomas C. Johnson New Haven, military shoulder-arm.

Albert F. Rockwell, Bristol, hopper.

Eugene W. Thompson, New London, firearm.

Frederic S. Bacon, Middletown, starter for internal combustion engines.

Newbury M. Merritt, Norwalk, milk-bottle opener and stopper.

George H. Merwin, Milford, bottle cover.

Myron H. Clark, Milford, rubber boot (design).

Joseph F. Morris, Derby, game.

Henry R. Ochs, Westport, fumigator or disinfecting lamp.

Henry B. Cooley, Kensington, discharging machine.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION TO ELECT NEW HEAD

Many Seek Succession to Joseph H. Whitcomb, Who Has Had Two Terms.

The annual meeting of the Business Men's association of this city to be held March 14, will result in the election of a new president to succeed J. H. Whitcomb, who it is expected will retire.

Keen rivalry for the honor is shown among the business men, of whom there are many candidates. It is expected that the choice of the body will lie between George E. Crawford, vice president, Frank W. Bolande and L. F. Rodwell, a nominating committee consisting of E. L. Graves, M. W. Manwaring and H. H. Knight have been appointed to bring in nominations for the office.

It is believed that the following directors will be reappointed without change: Andrew M. Cooper, Frank D. Bell, Frank W. Bolande, Charles M. Cole, Russell T. Whiting, Robert T. Rock, Edward L. Graves, Robert E. Hurley, Nell M. Mulhead, Samuel M. Hawley, Elmer H. Havens, R. J. MacKenzie, M. W. Manwaring, Carl C. Reck, Charles L. Gaylord, H. H. Nettleton, Isaac M. E. E. Dillman, F. P. Rockwell, James Roy, James Feeley, W. C. Hawley, A. E. Lavery, A. W. Burritt and A. M. Englehard.

OBITUARY

MARY E. GOODRIDGE
The funeral of Mary E. Goodridge was held privately yesterday afternoon from the home of her son, Gilbert W. Goodridge, 653 Clinton avenue. Rev. George M. Brown, pastor of the First M. E. church, conducted the services. Burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

GEORGE S. KUHN
The funeral of George S. Kuhn was largely attended at 2 yesterday afternoon from his late home, 526 Norman street. Rev. Henry E. Kelley, rector of St. George's Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. John G. Sadtler, rector of Christ church, conducted the services. A delegation from the Joseph Dowdall lodge, K. of P., exemplified their ritual. Burial was in Nichols cemetery.

JOHN DULLARD
The funeral of John Dullard was held from his late home on Newfield avenue yesterday morning, and a half hour later from St. Mary's church where the mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Thomas Mulcahy. As the body was being borne into the church, Joseph Clabby sang "Thy Will Be Done," and as it was being carried from the church, "Twill Not Be Long." The bearers were William McDermott, Charles Graham, Joseph Hennessy, John Reilly, James Seymour and Louis Kiernan. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY NEWS.

In Superior Court.
Judge Curtis in the superior court in Winsted, Tuesday, handed down his decision in the case of Dennis P. Sullivan's appeal from the county commissioners, who had declined to grant him a liquor license at Hotel Clifton. Judge Curtis upheld the commissioners, finding that they did not act contrary to law in reaching their decision.

Leonard P. Payne of Roxbury, pleaded guilty to an indecent assault upon Eunice Pettit, a young girl of that town. He was sentenced to not less than one nor more than eight years in prison. The assault was committed September 21, 1915, when the girl went to Payne's blacksmith shop on an errand for her father. Payne is a married man and is in the state prison in 1887 for bigamy.

George Dewey, 19, colored, of Roswell, New Mexico, charged with stealing \$45 from William Hine of Bethlehem, was sentenced to six months in jail.

Frank Gallagher, 24, of Watertown, charged with breach of the peace and assault, was fined \$25. Gaetano Cartella, 26, of Winsted, who assaulted Marie Scavio, Camillo with a knife, and then when he found her on the street with another man he drew a knife and slashed her cheek and lip, which he understood was the custom in Sicily to show her reputation.

Business arrangements between counsel that in the case of Charles Haddock, a New Hartford carpenter, charged with non-support of his wife and child he pay \$18.75 a month for their support. In the case of Edward W. Curtis, 61, of Salisbury, charged with assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon on October 31, 1915, and also Edward Frost and Alex Bennett, who came to her assistance, bail was reduced from \$3,500 to \$1,000, and the prisoner released. The case will probably be mollified if he behaves himself.

Raises Half Acre of Corn.
Miss Sarah Stone, 12 year old daughter of William Stone, of New Milford, has achieved the distinction of being the only girl in the state who has completed the work required in the state corn club contest conducted under the auspices of the United States department of agriculture, planting, cultivating and harvesting a half-acre.

Application Refused.
Judge Willard A. Roraback of the Torrington probate court, has refused the application of Mrs. May Hurlbut Clark of Litchfield, for the appointment of a conservator over her aunt, Miss Louisa Thompson, of Goshen. Miss Thompson is 85 years old and has acquired considerable money by thrift and economy.

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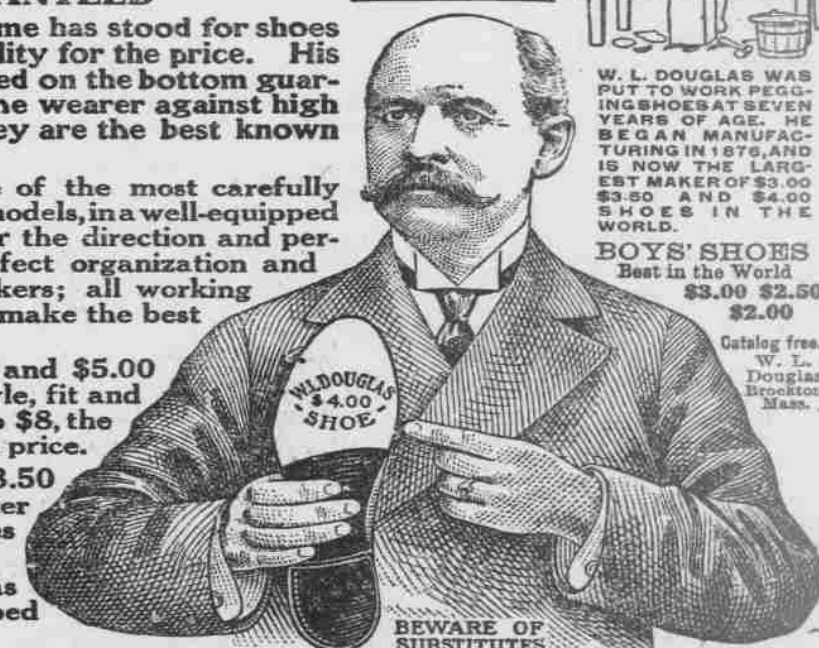
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BANKRUPTCY JUDGES MEET IN HARTFORD

The six referees in bankruptcy in this state have an organization. John W. Banks of Fairfield county is the president, and Carleton E. Hoadley of New Haven county is the secretary. The others are Edward M. Yeomans of Hartford, Gustaf B. Carlsson of Middlesex county, Thomas M. Shields of New London county, and Andrew J. Bowen of Windham county. The referees had a meeting yesterday in the United States court room in this city. The meeting discussed forms and procedure, and also discussed rules. The National Credit Men's association has submitted to the referees throughout the country certain rules which it would like to have adopted. It alleging that there have been abuses under the present rules. The rules for the bankruptcy courts are approved by the after reports are received from the referees, the expectation is that the supreme court will be asked to adopt the rules proposed by the Credit Men's association.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS POSTPONE MEETING TO ATTEND MUNICIPAL FEAST

The regular meeting of the board of fire commissioners scheduled for last night was postponed until tomorrow night in order to allow the commissioners to attend the aldermanic dinner.

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